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## Answers

學習中文 *beginner*

# LEARNING CHINESE THE FOUR TONES

Spoken Chinese language uses four tones. Depending on the tone you use to say a word, the meaning will change. For example, the word “tang” can mean sugar, soup, hot, or lying down — depending on the tone you use to say it.

Trace and color four tone symbols and meanings for the word “tang” below, then go the following page for further practice.

**tip:** practice saying the words out loud as you color them in.

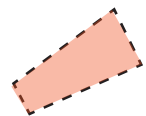


### FIRST TONE



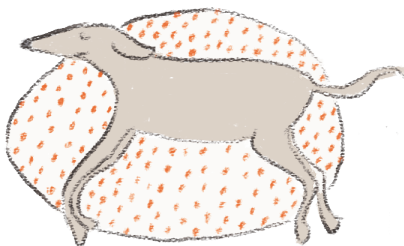
tāng  
soup  
汤

### SECOND TONE



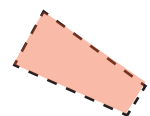
táng  
sugar  
糖

### THIRD TONE



tǎng  
lie down  
躺

### FOURTH TONE



tàng  
hot  
烫

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# THE FOUR TONES

Depending on what tone you use, the words “ma” and “yu” mean different things. Look at the words below, then draw a line to the correct tone.

**tip:** practice saying the words out loud as you match them to the correct tone.

**mā** *example*  
mother  
媽

**FIRST TONE**

**má**  
linen  
麻

**SECOND TONE**

**mǎ**  
horse  
馬

**THIRD TONE**

**mà**  
scold  
罵

**FOURTH TONE**

**yú**  
fish  
鱼

**yǔ**  
rain  
雨

**yù**  
jade  
玉

**yù**  
foolish  
愚